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## HERE'S TO HILL ARTISTS...



A few of the artists whose works are in the current 32nd Annual Potrero Hill Artists Show at the local library offer a toast to the community. See Page 8 for details of the exhibit. *Ruth Passen photo*

## New Study Revives Seventh St. Ballpark

By Judy Baston

Like a cat that never seems to use up all of its nine lives, the proposal to build a baseball stadium at the foot of Potrero Hill at Seventh and Townsend Streets was revived again last month when the Board of Supervisors voted 6-4 to authorize a new \$55,000 study of wind and parking in the area.

The Board vote - which was initially tied and only turned into an affirmative tally when two additional Supervisors were brought into the room - was actually to release funds held in the Baseball Stadium Fund. Those coffers contained \$50,000, equal donations from the Sunset Scavenger Company and the Golden Gate Disposal Company. Interestingly, both companies hold lucrative monopoly contracts with the city to perform their services.

The Seventh and Townsend site, at a corner of the huge proposed Mission Bay project, became Mayor Dianne Feinstein's prime candidate for a baseball park location last year when she amended the Memorandum of Understanding with Mission Bay developer Santa Fe Pacific to provide for a 66-year, \$1 per year lease of that 11-acre parcel in exchange for some adjustments to the Mission Bay plan.

Following that agreement, however, a study by the San Francisco Giants placed too high a price tag on Seventh and Townsend stadium construction, and numerous reports found wind conditions there almost as chilly as Candlestick Park. Other sharp questions were raised about stadium noise affecting Mission Bay housing, slated to be only one block away.

Supervisor Richard Hongisto, long an opponent of building another ballpark, spoke against the resolution at the Board meeting. "We've already spent \$300,000 to study Candlestick," Hongisto told the View. "A ballpark at Seventh and Townsend would interfere with Mission Bay, intrude on Potrero Hill and bring more traffic into downtown. It's a bad idea in every regard."

If the city "follows past practice," Hongisto warned, "they've hired people for these studies who are gross partisans" of a Seventh and Townsend ballpark.

Along with Hongisto, voting against funding the study were Supervisors Harry Britt, Bill Maher and Doris Ward. Voting for the proposal were Jim Gonzales, Willie Kennedy, John Molinari, Wendy Nelder, Tom Hsieh and Nancy Walker. Carol Ruth Silver was absent.

The resolution was authored by Molinari. Assemblyman Art Agnos, a Potrero Hill resident and, like Molinari, a mayoral aspirant, opposes the Seventh and Townsend site for a ballpark.

At a public hearing last year on the ballpark, Agnos zeroed in on the chilling effect of its construction on Mission Bay housing. Mission Bay, he stressed, "is San Francisco's shining opportunity" to construct thousands of units of "affordable housing for the middle class." He called the ballpark deal between the city and the developer "a curveball to force us to take our eye off the business."

## New Environmental Questions Spur Key Delay in Missouri Homeporting

Opponents of the move to homeport the nuclear-equipped USS Missouri and its fleet in nearby Hunters Point were heartened late last month by major developments that raise serious questions about the ship's location in San Francisco.

A detailed letter to the Navy from the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), rejecting the Navy's draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), raises key questions as well about the level of toxic pollution near Hunters Point, a level that would be vastly increased if the area were dredged to prepare it for Missouri homeporting.

The EPA pointed out that the Hunters Point area has a history of toxic dumping going back for decades and that the Navy's EIR had a "lack of an overall approach in addressing this issue."

The Navy has known since it performed a study three years ago, the EPA indicated, that there were 12 Hunters Point sites at which toxic wastes had been disposed, including the discharge of millions of gallons of dangerous materials directly into the bay. In addition, U.S. ships that had participated in nuclear weapons tests were brought back to Hunters Point for decontamination.

But the Navy has not been generous in sharing its own studies about the contamination in the area. Barbara George of the Arms Control Research Center told the View that "the Navy kept their 1984 study real quiet, and we had to go through Freedom of Information Act procedures to get it."

The EPA has ordered the Navy to redo its tests, which federal spokesmen claim will produce no real delay in the homeporting process. But George disagrees: "If the Navy does the proper testing, we expect their results will show there is nothing that can be done in that area" and homeporting would be impossible.

In addition to concerns about what homeporting would mean in environmental terms, growing opposition to the Missouri locating in San Francisco has been based on other grounds as well. Many who are active in efforts to establish a nuclear-free environment see the Missouri as a major symbol in the fight against any use of nuclear devices. And other San Franciscans have expressed fears about the toll that homeporting would take on the city's domestic needs.

"One of the hidden prices" of homeporting, Assemblyman Art Agnos stressed at his March mayoral campaign rally, is "the likely end of almost 200 small businesses and work-live space for more than 300 artists."

Agnos is one of a growing number who question the claim of Mayor Dianne Feinstein - perhaps the city's chief backer of homeporting - that it would produce 10,000 jobs for the city.

The Mayor is reported to be developing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Navy as to what the city would provide in exchange for the Navy's decision to locate here.

Although the Navy has said it would provide 1,500 units of housing, far more

would be required, and such incentives as preferential real estate offerings and improved Muni service to Hunters Point may be among the goodies on the Mayor's plate. In order to provide more housing for Navy personnel, it may also be necessary to displace residents in Hunters Point public housing projects, some observers have pointed out.

While several months ago many assumed that the homeporting was a fait accompli, recent developments have altered the picture significantly. Last month a Congressional Subcommittee chaired by Berkeley's Representative Ron Dellums recommended - and the House Armed Services Committee unanimously voted - to suspend funding for the first phase of the homeporting project.

A full House floor vote on the issue is set for next week, and a Senate floor vote is expected in late May. The questions raised of the Navy by the EPA may play a major role in how those votes turn out.

In addition, the Board of Supervisors must approve any Memorandum of Understanding the Mayor reaches with the Navy. Although the Board voted last year 6-5 against homeporting, the presence of two new Feinstein appointees, as well as other changes, now makes it uncertain just how the Supervisors would line up on the issue. But groups opposed to the homeporting are expected to wage an ambitious lobbying efforts based on questions raised by the EPA.

— J.B.





EDITORIALS

Heliport Concerns

Studies can be deceptive things. Their objectivity is frequently colored by who designs them - and more important, who pays for them. Right now, Mayor Dianne Feinstein, who has joined the Chamber of Commerce in pushing for a commercial heliport on our side of the city, is said to be drafting legislation that would lead to the city's acceptance of \$200,000 from the Federal Aviation Administration to study the need for such a heliport.

Corporate heliport proponents are quick to hide behind what may in fact be a genuine need for improved medical emergency helicopter service. If the study is to be at all objective, it should study this question separately. Results of the study will then go to a heliport committee, on which serve several Hill residents who are unconvinced of the need for a commercial facility.

But ultimately the Board of Supervisors will have to vote on this issue. It is important that members of the Board know how widespread our concerns are about a heliport's effects. And it is equally important that they are able to differentiate between what may be genuine medical needs, and the desires of some of the city's big corporations, which are really not needs at all.

A solution to the heliport issue that is fair to our community cannot depend only on members of a particular committee, and certainly not on the FAA. It is up to all of us to continue to express our concerns.

How the Hill Voted

CANDIDATE	VOTE	CANDIDATE	VOTE
Harry Britt	1268	Harriet Ross	41
Karen Edwards	12	Cathy Sedwick	4
Mike Garza	25	Carol Ruth Silver	55
Sam Grove	14	Tom Spinoza	22
Bill Maher	142	Doris Ward	237
Brian Lantz	2	Kevin Wadsworth	26
Nancy Pelosi	806	Theodore A. Zuur	5



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LETTERS

Garden Program

Editor:

On behalf of the members and staff of the Friendship Garden Club. I want to extend thanks to Rikki Shambaugh for writing the very fine article last month about the Friendship Community Garden and to Bob Hayes for a fine photograph.

When I read the article I noticed that several key people were inadvertently omitted. I want to commend them, because without their help, the garden would not be developed as beautifully as it is now.

First, I want to commend Les Maloney and Wayne Samuel. They have been supportive of the garden since it started in 1978. Both of these gentlemen have contributed time, effort, money and tender loving care to the garden. They also had both been involved in the previous garden at the Arkansas Street site several years before Friendship Garden began. Mr. Maloney and Mr. Samuel have also shown great care for and have been very helpful to the individuals with disabilities who work there. All of the beautiful roses, flowers and many trees planted at the Arkansas Garden have been donated and planted by Mr. Maloney and Mr. Samuel. Mr. Samuel served as a garden committee coordinator and treasurer for many years and dedicated much time to this challenging position.

Without the tireless efforts of Mr. Maloney and Mr. Samuel, the garden could not have survived as well as it has. All of the new roses planted at the Connecticut Street portion were donated by and planted by them. A couple of years ago, they received a special letter of commendation from Mayor Feinstein for their outstanding work within and contribution to the Potrero Hill Community.

Next, I want to commend the San Francisco Conservation Corps. All of the work at the Connecticut Street expansion of the garden was superbly and enthusiastically performed by the fine members of the Corps, Crew I, under the direction

of Janet Gomes, and with the help of Kristina Elmstrom from San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners. The Conservation Corps workers worked very hard during the summer of 1985 and very creatively put the plans of the grant from Office of Community Development into action. When Mayor Feinstein and Mayor Bradley visited our garden site in August of 1985, our site was chosen for a visit for two reasons. The first reason was for Mayor Bradley to see the excellent work the San Francisco Conservation Corps did at the garden site. The second reason was to see first hand the garden project that people with and without disabilities are creating together.

There are a few other key people I want to commend, including Dick Evans at Department of Public Works, who made it possible for us to begin our garden on the DPW land where it exists; Pamela Maxwell, city landscape architect, who drew up my idea for the Connecticut Street expansion into plans; and Al Ness, neighbor, who gave us some of our first storage space in his garage before Youth Chance built our first tool shed under one of our earlier grants.

Over the years, there have been people, too numerous to mention here, that have been an integral part of the garden. I want to thank all of them. The garden is truly a community effort. If anyone ever wishes to know specific people who have been involved in the past and now, they can contact me at 558-5031. I have kept a record of everyone who has been involved.

The garden is a truly exciting experience for all of us in the Friendship Garden Club. It is wonderful to watch the garden grow. I remember when my group began pulling the first weeds, taller than they were, and began clearing the land. We had hopes that the seed idea we planted would become a beautiful neighborhood garden. It has become that, and it is still growing.

Janice Gloe  
Friendship Garden Originator  
Special Needs Division  
San Francisco Recreation Department

Summer Youth Jobs Available

Applications for the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment and Training Program (MSYETP) are available at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House.

This jobs program for economically disadvantaged youth between the ages of 14-21 offers an opportunity for job training in diverse non-profit organizations such as child-care and recreation centers, maintenance work for the city's Recreation and Parks Dept., and clerical jobs in San Francisco General Hospital, or in some offices in City Hall and the Hall of Justice.

Each year at least 300 youngsters register for these jobs. There were 140 slots available for Potrero Hill youth in 1986, and this summer the possibilities for work experience through this program have been slashed to only 99 slots.

Certification of young people applying for these jobs will begin mid-May, and any young people interested in this program should call 826-8080, or ask for an application at the Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro St.

The program begins June 22 and runs through August 14.



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Tuesdays, 10 a.m. May 5 & 12.

Movies, Tuesday, May 19

10 a.m. for ages 3-5: "Sunday Lark,"  
"One was Johnny," "The Remarkable  
Riderless Runaway Tricycle."

3:30 p.m. for age six and up: "The  
Juggling Movie," "Mole as Painter,"  
"The Remarkable Riderless Runaway  
Tricycle."

### LOST AND FOUND

Parents! Are your children missing  
their winter jackets? The Library's  
Lost and Found box is overflowing.  
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ing: one vest, two sweatshirts, four  
sweaters, three hats, five jackets,  
one coat, one pair of gloves, one  
koala bear and other assorted toys!!!

### ADULT SERVICES

Your library is offering a spring bounty  
of attractions this month. In conjunction  
with the Julian Theatre Company, we are  
hosting play readings at 7 p.m. every Wed-  
nesday night throughout May and into  
June. These are all new plays and will be  
presented in staged readings; a copy of  
each play is available for reading in the  
library.

Two Hill residents are among the play-  
wrights whose work will be read: Sheila  
Ganz, whose "pretend it didn't happen"  
will be presented on May 27; and Michael  
Grieg, whose "The Corsican Brother" will  
open the series on May 6.

## Free Playreading Series Set

The Julian Theatre Company, in coop-  
eration with the San Francisco Public  
Library, will present "Voices of Our  
Time: A Series of New Play Readings"  
at the Potrero Hill Library, beginning  
May 6 and running every Wednesday  
evening at 7 p.m. through June. Admis-  
sion is free. Following is the schedule  
for May;

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6:** "The Corsican  
Brother" by longtime Hill resident Mich-  
ael Grieg, directed by Richard Reinec-  
cius. This comedy focuses on the rela-  
tionship between two middle-aged twin  
brothers, both actors. One is unsucces-  
sful in fleeing his past, the other is suc-  
cessful, full of life and dying of a ter-  
minal disease.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13:** "On Daddy's  
Birthday" by Robert Locke, 1984 Critic's  
Circle Award winner for "Dolly," direct-  
ed by Jacqueline Hayes. This sizzling  
one-act juxtaposes a dying 80-year old  
father and his three elderly daughters he  
sexually abused when they were children.  
The play focuses on the long-term ef-  
fects of incest and sexual abuse.

### Muni/BART Tix at Nabe

**MUNI** and **BART** riders can buy their  
tickets at the Neighborhood House,  
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Fridays, during office hours of 10 a.m.  
to 5 p.m.

**MUNI** tickets for seniors and handi-  
capped persons cost \$4.50 per month.

**BART** tickets are sold to seniors,  
handicapped and children for \$1.60 per  
ticket. For more information call  
826-8080.

Come to the library Wednesday even-  
ings to discover the dramatic resolution  
to that situation and the others that will  
be presented in these entertaining and  
valuable readings.

The library also is host to the annual  
Potrero Hill Artists' Show until May 23.  
Come to the library anytime during our  
open hours (please see our schedule above)  
to view these offerings by more of your  
talented neighbors.

Many good new books are also available  
at the library this month. Among new  
fiction we have works by Colleen McCul-  
lough, Danielle Steele, Elizabeth Jolley,  
Piers Paul Read, Walker Percy, John  
Gregory Dunne, and Mary Gordon. Among  
new mysteries are ones by Catherine  
Aird, Elizabeth Peters, Hugh Pentecost,  
and Harry Kemelman.

Among new non-fiction this month are  
biographies of Bette Davis, the Fitzger-  
alds and the Kennedys, Betty Ford, Mary  
McCarthy, Bob Greene, and Billy Martin.  
Other new non-fiction includes "Woza  
Africa: An Anthology of South African  
Plays;" a new work on world hunger by  
Frances Moore Lappe; "Intervention: How  
to Help Someone Who Doesn't Want Help;"  
a book on understanding and helping the  
schizophrenic; "Pressure Points: Do-it-  
Yourself Acupuncture Without Needles;"  
a book on migraine headaches by Oliver  
Sachs; "Starting a Mini-Business: a guide  
for Seniors and Others;" a work on how to  
profit from penny stocks; and "Secrets of  
a Private Eye; or, How to be Your Own  
Private Investigator."

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 20:** "Just like  
Family," by Joan Lipkin, winner, L.A.  
Louis Playwright's Festival in 1986, di-  
rected by Veronica Masterson. The play  
centers around a white middle-class  
mother and daughter and the black  
housekeeper who has raised the daughter.  
With humor and sensitivity, the play  
questions the role of "mother" and the  
class/race conflict that exists in Amer-  
ica today.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27:** "Pretend it  
Didn't Happen," by Potrero Hill resident  
Sheila Ganz and directed by Veronica  
Masterson. This play focuses on the  
journey of a young woman from rape to  
unwanted pregnancy, in a time when the  
legality of abortion is still being debated,  
adoption records still remain closed to  
birth mothers and the morality of surro-  
gate motherhood is at the forefront of  
the nation's media.

**COMING IN JUNE:** A new play by  
South African playwright Selaelo Mar-  
dei, inspired by the strength of Winnie  
Mandela. Also "Documents from Hell"  
by Colombian playwright Enrique Buen-  
aventura. These three political one-  
acts, first performed in English by the  
Julian in 1974, will be read in new trans-  
lations by Maruja Cid.



# TEN YEARS AGO

In The View

### HILL MAN NOMINATED TO SUCCEED BRIDGES

The May, 1977 VIEW's front page announced that "Hill resident Jimmy Herman is run-  
ning for president of the 55,000 member ILWU (International Longshoremen's and  
Warehousemen's Union), following the retirement after 40 years of the legendary  
Harry Bridges." The story went on to note that in 1977 there were 140 ILWU members  
living on Potrero Hill, and that Herman had been a Hillnik then for 12 years.  
He's still a Hillnik and, yes, he was elected. He still is International President of the  
ILWU.

### TRANSPORT HASSLES

Ten years ago Gerald P. Cauthen, director of something called the "San Francisco  
Muni Railway Transportation Project" (what other projects should the Muni have?),  
reported that three studies by consultants recommended the elimination of the #19  
and #53 bus lines. Public meetings were going to be held and "The community would  
have a chance to give its input."

The community did have its input, and we still have the #19 and #53.

### ANNUAL LIBRARY ART SHOW

In 1977 the VIEW hailed the opening of "the Annual Potrero Hill Artists Show, a tradi-  
tion without peer...for the 22nd year." The show is on again, healthy and vigorous in  
its 32nd year.

### TEN YEAR OLD BRIEF NOTES

A film crew was seeking Bay Area "Women who worked in defense industries during  
World War II," to be interviewed for a documentary to be called "The Life and Times  
of Rosie the Riveter"...The Pickle Family Circus announced it was doing a two-day  
gig at the (then) Potrero Hill Junior High School...A "responsible, employed person"  
wanted an apartment on the Hill, and would pay "Up to \$175"...A simple, small box on  
page two enclosed the words "In Memoriam Mason Roberson 1907 - 1977."

-Arden Arnautoff

## LEADING THE MARCH



Leading the April 25 Mobilization for Peace, Jobs and Justice, were members of the  
clergy, peace, labor and other groups. The Market Street March ended with a rally  
at Civic Center in front of City Hall.  
Ruth Passen photo

## Potrero Hill Neighborhood House

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
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## A cartoon illustration on a light brown background. On the left, a small boy with a large head and a wide-open mouth is shouting. A speech bubble above him contains the word 'MOMMEE' repeated three times. He is wearing a simple t-shirt and shorts. On the right, a very large, round woman with voluminous curly hair and a mustache-like shape on her upper lip stands looking down at him. She is wearing a large, heart-shaped top and a skirt. The caption at the bottom reads 'MOTHER'S DAY...' in a stylized, hand-drawn font.

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## WORDS OF PEACE



Father Peter Sammon helped get the April 25 Mobilization Peace March off to a good start with an invocation at the Justin Herman Plaza. He met with other church members before beginning the long walk up Market Street. Ruth Passen photo

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## Twists & Turns of Naming Streets of Potrero Hill

By Vas Arnautoff

All right. So you know that Potrero Hill's DeHaro St. is named for Don Francisco de Haro, who in 1835 became the first alcalde of the Mexican village of Yerba Buena.

You may even know that his remains lie in the Mission Dolores cemetery near those of Jose Jesus Bernal (for whom the Heights are named); Captain Don Luis Antonio Arguello; Jose de Jesus Noe (the last Mexican alcalde) and other San Francisco "street people."

And you may have mused that it seems thoroughly appropriate that Don Francisco's resting place should be in the Mission District where the street names evoke memories of his and the city's Mexican roots - Sanchez, Guerrero, Valencia, Castro.

But for the wondering Potrero Hill dweller a question arises: What's de Haro's name doing up here where practically every other street is numbered or bears a state name? There it is, between Rhode Island and Carolina, with which states the good alcalde has about as close a connection as Disneyland has to reality.

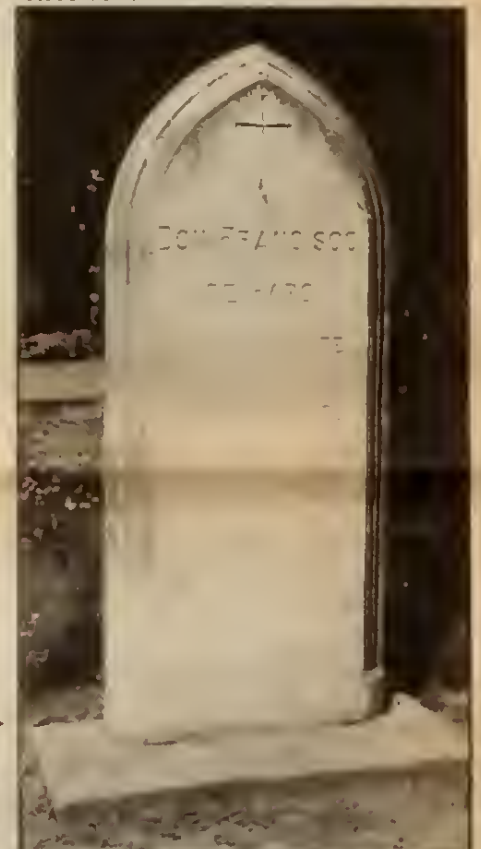
The truth of the matter is that Don Francisco's name is more appropriate to the Hill than any other found up here. It was deHaro who held the land grant to what was known in the early 19th century as "Potrero de San Francisco" (San Francisco Colt Pasture), or "Nuevo Potrero." And it was deHaro who, with a Capt. Jean Vioget, first surveyed the area in 1839.

Somewhat, despite that connection, the alcalde's name was not among those chosen for the planned streets that appear in an 1862 map. That chart shows the east-west streets on the Hill having county names. For instance, the present 17th Street was Santa Clara, 20th Street was Napa, 23rd Street was Nevada, etc. (Three streets that remain unchanged are Mariposa, Marin and Tulare, the latter two south of Army Street.)

And the same map shows the north-south streets with the familiar state names but with Delaware tucked appropriately between Rhode Island and Carolina, where DeHaro now runs.

The destruction of city records in the calamity of 1906 makes it difficult to determine exactly when and how the deHaro name assumed its rightful place on Potrero Hill, but there it is on an 1877 map, replacing Delaware, which was shunted off to the bay's edge. Delaware remains there, a forlorn one-block remnant of what it once had been, six blocks east of Third Street north of Islais Creek.

Perhaps one other question remains. In 1909, the City's Board of Supervisors changed the names of more than 400 San Francisco streets. Among them were the east-west streets in the Richmond and Sunset districts, which had been lettered, from "A" to "Z." "A" became Anza, "B" became Balboa and so on almost without exception to "V" - Vicente, almost all Hispanic names. Wouldn't it have been more appropriate to have had them on Potrero Hill joining Don Francisco deHaro?



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## ARTS ROUNDUP

Wolfgang's in North Beach will be the scene of "Eureka Live: A Comedy Cabaret in Two Acts" on Monday, June 1, proceeds to benefit the artistic development of the Eureka Theatre. M.C.'d by Jon Carroll, theatre aficionado and Chronicle columnist, Act I of the event features the ubiquitous Dick Bright, "Maestro of the Venetian Room," who served as M.C. of the Bay Area Music Awards.

Joining him are Lorri Holt and Sigrid Wurschmidt, who have both been with the Eureka for more than five years, in roles "never before seen in public." Also performing are Larry Pisoni, co-founder of the Pickle Family Circus; members of Faultline and Fratelli Bologna in a "Theatre Sports" competition; and Joe Bellan, "King of the Rubber Face," who was last seen in Eureka's "An Open Couple" "Ubu Unchained."

During Act Two, the audience is invited to join the performers for dancing and a buffet. Between acts the Eureka presents a drawing for a wide variety of raffle goodies. Grand prize is a trip for two to the Bahamas. Other prizes include weekend getaways; dinners for two; tickets to theater, dance and music events, and cases of wine. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Eureka Theatre during May and at the Comedy Night June 1.

The price is \$60 for the comedy revue, buffet and dancing, \$35 for the comedy revue only. For tickets, call 558-9898.

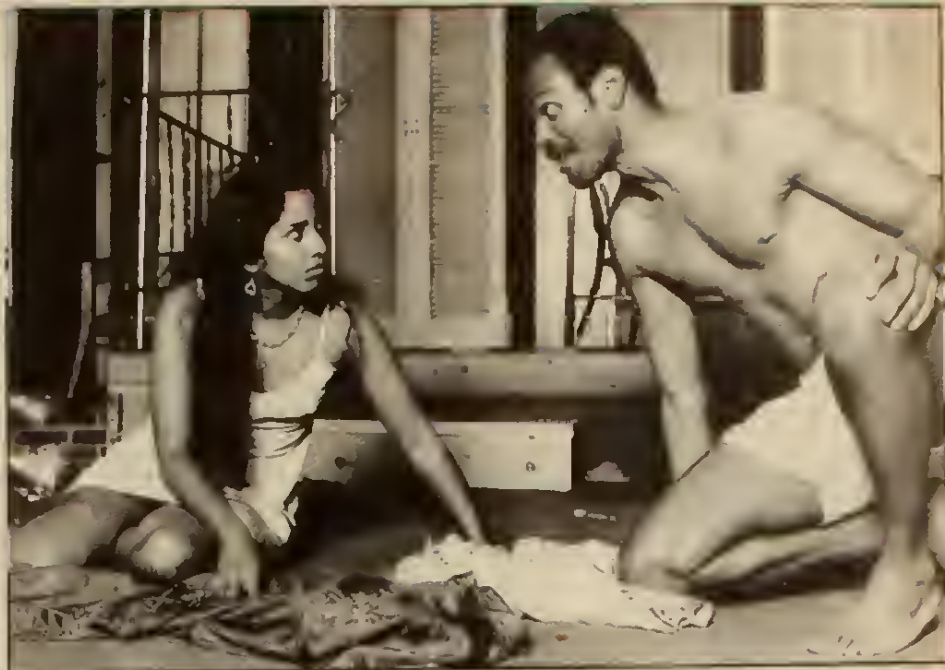
Directed by Maria Mazer, "The Bridge," a funny, offbeat one-act play explores a night in the life of Harry Tripp, a bridge toll-taker.

"The Bridge" is presented free for six lunchtime performances only from Monday, May 18 through Saturday, May 23, at 12:15 p.m. at the City Cabaret, 401 Mason Street near Geary. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and box lunches and refreshments are available for purchase.

Reservations are not necessary, but for further information, please call 929-7555.

Did you know there's a theatre at 8th & Folsom? The Phoenix Theatre/Gallery at 301 Eighth St. is now presenting George Bernard Shaw's delightful comedy, "You Never Can Tell," directed by the accomplished Andrea Gordon, for six weekends through June 13.

Produced by the Phoenix Arts Association, whose aim is "to create magic evenings in its intimate (49 seat) theatre... with new and established plays," Shaw's play tells what happens when a 20th century mother and her three grown children return to England after 18 years and encounter their all but forgotten father. With his usual wit, Shaw tricks us through laughter into learning that wisdom is often paid for with humiliation. Call Ticketron, 421-SHOW; 431-6777/ 664-5001. Discount for Seniors, students or TBA.



Anukampa Walden as Rosa confronts Michael D. Johnson as Ephraim in "Moon Over a Rainbow Shawl." Paul Helder photo

## Hansberry Drama Set in Trinidad

By Winifred Mann

The Lorraine Hansberry Theatre's current offering - through May 24 at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 Dellaro - is a revival of Errol John's London hit "Moon on a Rainbow Shawl," which made its U.S. debut off-Broadway in 1962.

Set in the playwright's native Port of Spain, Trinidad just after World War II, the play teems with the clamor and vigor of a colonial people growing impatient for the promised fruits of victory. Director Stanley E. Williams has skillfully

evoked the suffocating atmosphere of the hot, overcrowded courtyard bordered by ramshackle huts, where the lack of privacy as much as the lack of money causes tempers to flare even over trifles.

But the frustrations besetting the play's hapless residents are far from trifling. Scrambling for something more than mere survival, each one is desperately seeking a way out of the grinding poverty and the hopeless future that looms ahead.

A pair of young lovers who should have "lived happily ever after" find their love soured by an insoluble dilemma. Ephraim, (Michael D. Johnson) a trolley bus driver, already guilt-ridden for having secretly booked passage - for one - to Liverpool, is confronted by Rosa (Anukampa Walden) with the news that she is pregnant. Charlie Adams, a middle-aged man (Curtis Sims) whose career as a star cricket player was destroyed many years ago when he spoke out against segregation, now ekes out a living any way he can. It is his wife, Sophia, (Mararette Robinson) who provides the glue that holds the family, and the play together.

The playwright has handed her a richly developed character - by now almost the standard universal ethnic mother - strong and wise, sharp-tongued and compassionate. But Robinson, deftly avoiding

clichés, plays every moment with an honesty that lights up the stage - without sacrificing an ounce of the character's powerful anger or warm humor.

In the role of Mavis, a kind of semi-professional hooker, Eloise Chitmon clearly demonstrates enormous talent. But her crowd-pleasing performance seems oddly out of tune with the rest of the production, more suited to large scale musical comedy, lacking insight into the darker side of Mavis' existence.

As the star-crossed lovers, both Johnson and Walden seem on the right track, if a bit uncertain on opening night. Curtis Sims quietly weaves a deeply felt portrait of Charlie Adams, and Zorana Edun is a standout as the Adams' young teenage daughter; bright, sensitive, eager and so very vulnerable. Charles Branklyn carries off the ambiguous role of exploiter/victim Old Mack with skill and dignity, while Angelo Pagan does his best with the underdeveloped role of Mavis' "protector," Prince. And Richard Barboza delivers three separate well delineated vignettes with crisp aplomb.

As always at the Hansberry, the set, (Ken Ellis) lighting, (Kurt Landisman) sound, (Alan Lam) and costumes (Gail Russell) are lavish and thoroughly professional.

For ticket information call 474-8800.

## Eight Bay Theatres Form Collective Bargaining Group

Representatives of eight of the Bay area's smaller professional theatres announce the formation of the Coalition of Bay Area Theatres (COBAT) for the purpose of negotiating with Actors' Equity, the professional actors' union.

According to attorney Michele Ballard, appointed to represent the group in upcoming negotiations, COBAT has developed a proposal for a three year contract designed to meet the specific needs of local not-for-profit professional theatres. "Since the abolition of Equity's 99-seat waiver agreement in 1982," stated Ballard, "...a variety of agreements have been in effect... none (of which) addressed the specific needs of the Bay Area theatre

community." In its proposed contract, Ballard asserts that COBAT addresses the "financial reality and responsibility of producing quality theatre as well as...the needs of the professional actor.

COBAT's founding member theatres include the Eureka, the Magic and the One Act in San Francisco, the Oakland Ensemble Company, Marin Theatre Company and San Jose Stage Company nearby. Interest has expressed also, by the Asian American, Lorraine Hansberry and the Rhinoceros. It should be noted that the larger theatres - A.C.T., Berkeley Rep and San Jose Rep are already members of a national collective bargaining group, the League of Resident Theatres (LORT).



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## Hill Actress Makes Hit in S.J. 'Streetcar'

Longtime Hill resident Roberta Callahan is seen at right in her starring role as Blanche Du Bois in Tennessee Williams' classic play, "Streetcar Named Desire," at the San Jose Stage Company.

Following the April 10 opening, the San Jose Mercury News' Judith Green, headlining her review "Exquisite performance," went on to say of Callahan, "... unforgettable. Her face is a once-beautiful countenance that's been wrecked and reassembled; her voice is as delicate as wind chimes one moment, as stripped and coarse as steel wool the next. From her wispy surface to the restive sexuality beneath, her Blanche is fragile, magical, self-deluded and haunting. Bravo."

For anyone who's just landed from Mars, "Streetcar" is the chilling drama of a fading Southern belle caught in the crushing jaws of the on-rushing social and economic upheaval of the American South in the first half of this century. This was the play that catapulted Marlon Brando and Jessica Tandy to stardom in 1947, and still retains its magnetic appeal for actors and audiences alike.

Always busy, Callahan has amassed a very impressive list of credits since her early training with the San Francisco Actors' Workshop - where, as a very young actress, she played Laura in another Williams classic, "Glass Menagerie," before moving on to Lincoln Center in New York. In the intervening years she has appeared in several dozen stage roles with local companies such as the Magic, the Berkeley Repertory Company, the Berkeley Stage Co., at the Alcazar and Marines Memorial Theaters; and, further afield, in Los Angeles, North Lake Tahoe and Pittsburgh, Pa.

Callahan has also managed to squeeze



in a few film roles and more than a few for T.V. John Korty's "Christmas Without Snow" and "Rainbow's End" for PBS are among her credits, along with episodes of "Shannon" and seven guest shots in "Streets of San Francisco."

But live theater will always remain her great love. Acknowledging some exhaustion from the demanding role of Blanche, she nevertheless admits to feeling more than a bit disappointed that the show is scheduled to close following the matinee on Sunday, May 3. "I really enjoyed working with that company, and (director) Tom Ramirez was a great help," she said.

As she dashed off to a public reading of a new play in Marin, we couldn't help feeling very certain that Roberta Callahan will be treading the boards again - very soon.

- W.M.

## Eureka Duo Sparring For Survival in The Bronx

By Winifred Mann

A few soaring saxophone riffs in the darkness, and the lights come up to reveal a young woman pressing - and occasionally beating - herself against a wall. Soon she seats herself at one of two small cafe tables, lights a cigarette and stares moodily ahead. Silence. A man with bruises on his face and hands enters carrying a mug and a pitcher of beer, sees her and turns instantly away to sit at the table on the opposite side of the stage. They are strangers.

Thus begins the Eureka Theatre's riveting performance of John Patrick Shanley's "Danny and the Deep Blue Sea," now through May 17 at 2730 16th Street. Already, almost before the first word is spoken, director Oskar Eustis and actors Sigrid Wurschmidt (Roberta) and Jeffrey King (Danny) have established the atmosphere of tightly reined anger, instant distrust and potential violence that pervades the constricted little world of this pair of self-defined outcasts.

Both Roberta and Danny are deeply bruised loners, convinced they are not fit for the company of "normal" people. Danny's inarticulate rage is habitually and reflexively expressed with his fists: "The only thing that stops the pain is when I hit on somebody". As Danny discovers, Roberta, too, can deliver a pretty good smack when necessary, but her superior verbal skill is her weapon of choice; her real target - her own "badness."

Himself a product of the Bronx where the play is set, Shanley has a poet's ear for the staccato rhythms and unique locutions heard in those strongly working class neighborhoods. Nor is he unmindful of the comic overtones inherent in the single minded intensity with which Roberta and Danny thrash about in their pain, a pain that is nonetheless excruciatingly real.

Shanley could hardly hope for a more compelling production than the Eureka has given his play. Sets, lighting and sound all contribute to the sense of compression and insulation that make us feel as cut off from the outside world as Roberta and Danny, the occasional lights of a passing vehicle sweeping across the window only accentuating the feeling of isolation.

Yet - although not another soul appears on stage - the play seems richly peopled

with mothers, fathers, Roberta's child, Danny's hostile work mates, and assorted neighborhood toughs.

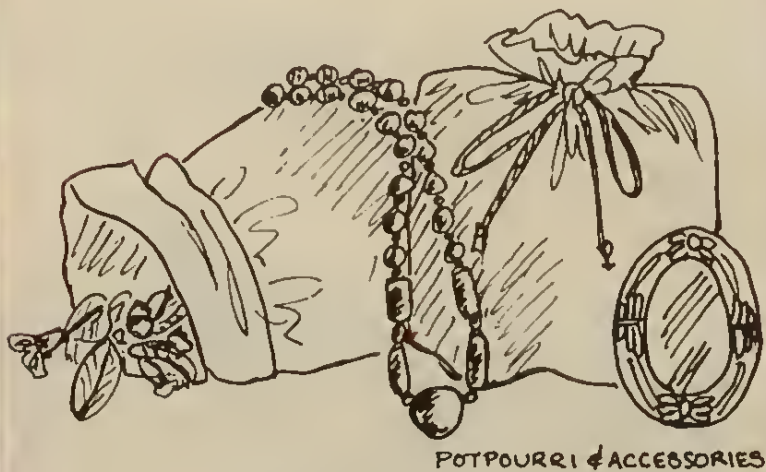
None of this, of course, could happen without the superb performances delivered by Wurschmidt and King. Sigrid Wurschmidt, may be the best listener on any San Francisco stage. When Danny finally begins to talk, she listens with an intensity that seems to reflect her character's complex processing system, as if filtering everything she hears through Roberta's preconceptions, beliefs and fantasies - her life history. Both actors achieve a marvel of virtually seamless highly focused concentration for an intermissionless one and one half hours. When its over, you know you've been somewhere!

"Danny and the Deep Blue Sea" is angry, tough, funny, moving and ultimately - with no guarantees, mind you - pretty hopeful. Call 558-9898 for ticket information.



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Friends and neighbors found time to chat with each other during the Potrero Library's 32 Annual Artist's Show - and others took the opportunity to sit awhile, have refreshments and rest before exploring the exhibit.

Ruth Passen photos

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## HILL ART SHOW

The 32nd Annual Potrero Hill Artists Show opened at the local library with an April 11 reception for the artists and community.

The artists whose works are on exhibit, as well as artists from other San Francisco neighborhoods, joined family, friends and neighbors in what has become a well established tradition: A sharing of art with the community.

An informal program of music was provided, as usual, by Henri Marie-Rose, whose songs of the Carribean are always a delight, and refreshments were prepared and hosted by the library staff and members of the Potrero Boosters.

The show will remain at the Potrero Library, 1616 20th St. through May 23. 58 local artists are represented in this year's show, with some exhibiting work in more than one medium. Listed below are the categories of art and the participating artists:

**OIL ON CANVAS:** Sally Evans, Charles Griffin Farr, Mary Guggenheim, Gil Roldan, Michael Semenoff, Brian Shure, Joseph St. Amand, Joan Tricamo, Gary Weinhold.

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**SCULPTURE:** Patrick Gorman, Robert Kingsbury, Henri Marie-Rose, Takeshi Sugimoto.

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Local artist and Hill resident of many years Charles Griffin Farr is the recipient of an award in painting given by the prestigious American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters. Farr is one of five recipients of the award, selected from more than 130 nominated artists. The honor is rarely bestowed on artists west of the Mississippi. Farr and the other four recipients will have their works shown in an exhibit in New York during May and June. The artist's work can be seen in the current show at the Potrero Library, and a one-man show will be mounted in September at the Charles Campbell Gallery in San Francisco.

The Wednesday evening Papermaking Class at the Neighborhood House will feature guest artist Joan Rhine, May 20, from 7 to 10 p.m. Rhine will conduct a workshop on color through pulp. This free class is open to the general public, and no previous experience is necessary. The Nabe is located at 953 De Haro St. For more information call 826-8080.

City Guides is offering free tours of San Francisco's varied neighborhoods during May. For a schedule or info call 558-3981, Tues - Thurs, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Make-A-Circus now taking applications for its summer Ten Apprenticeship Program. Ten lucky teenagers will be picked to train in areas of performance and circus skills, and following the 10 week training program, six apprentices will be selected to join the troupe for its regular summer performance schedule. The Apprenticeship Program is open to San Francisco teenagers between the ages of 14 - 20 who qualify for the San Francisco Summer Youth Employment Training Program. For applications and more info call 776-8477.

Feelings are upbeat about the Potrero Hill mural on Connecticut and 17th Streets. And lately many cars have doubled parked around the area, with people rubbernecking to watch progress on artist Nicole Emanuel's picture postcard of the Hill. June 13 will see a huge street fair and party to honor the community and the completion of the mural. Read the June View for information.

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The Potrero Hill Mural Project is accepting art work or historical artifacts to be included in the "Reflections of Potrero Hill" exhibits, a project in conjunction with the June 13 mural celebration. The exhibit dates are May 30 to June 30, and will be held in local restaurants, and the Potrero Library. Also, groups wishing to set up booths at the mural party should call Nicole Emanuel for information at 285-7289.

"For a People's Budget in '87" is the theme of the 17th Annual Rally in Sacramento Capitol Park Thursday, May 21, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Rally is sponsored by the California Legislative Council for Older Americans and many national, state and local organizations of seniors, handicapped and other concerned groups. The rally theme applies to both national and state budgets.

The most severe recent cuts are funding for Medicare and Medi-Cal and for low cost housing and the homeless. The Rally program includes music and entertainment, and at noon a brown bag lunch in the park, concluding with a march around the Capitol with placards and songs, and visits to legislators. For more info call 771-0226.

San Francisco progressive journalist Al Richmond will be profiled Monday, June 1 at 10:30 p.m. on Channel 25 "Lifestory." Familiar to many Hill readers as author of "A Long View From the Left," Richmond was for many years editor of The People's World newspaper when it had a large circulation among left and labor readers. "I didn't believe in objectivity," he frequently said, "but I believed in facts."

"Senior Citizen Swims" - pool time for seniors only - is designated on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 4 to 5 p.m. at Rossi Pool, Edward Street and Arguello Boulevard. Call the pool at 751-9411 for more information.

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Medicare will now pay for eye health care services provided by optometrists. The new law (as of April 1) requires Medicare to pay for the eye health portion of an optometric examination that is necessary due to patient symptoms. Medicare also covers eye disease treatment and expenses related to cataracts, including cataract glasses and contact lens.

Some of the best and brightest members of the Bay Area's performing arts community will be coming together in a benefit supporting the San Francisco Food Bank, beginning 8 p.m., Saturday, May 16, at the St. Paulus Lutheran Church Hall, 950 Gough St. The show will feature a variety of music, dance and theater works, to raise funds for the Food Bank, a non-profit organization which provides food for the hungry throughout the Bay Area. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$6 with a food donation. Call 621-5338 for more information.

Are you prepared for the next, possible earthquake? No? Well, you're not alone, so the Potrero League of Active Neighbors (PLAN) is sponsoring a meeting May 27 at the Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro to hear what the San Francisco Fire Dept. can tell us about earthquake preparedness. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

Adult seminars on "The Wisdom of Aging Well," are being taught by David Cross until the end of May for elders, their relatives and friends, and for volunteers serving the elderly: Thursdays, 9:30 to noon at Mission Plaza Apartments, 2027 Mission St. (at 16th St.); and 1 to 3 p.m. at Bethany Senior Housing, 580 Capp St. (at 21st St.). There is no fee. For more info call Mr. Cross at the S.F. Council of Churches, 433-3024, or at Mission Community College, 648-5866.

Congrats to Consumer Action's Ken McEldowney, who has been elected president of the Consumer Federation of America! The Federation, based in Washington, D.C., is a coalition of 230 organizations with 30 million members in labor unions, credit unions, state and local consumer groups and independent utilities. Locally the Consumer Action group has successfully fought against telephone rate increases, and bank overcharges.

A growing number of families of alcoholics are attending the Thursday evening Al-Anon meetings held at the Neighborhood House. Their meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. and last about an hour. Those with other problems are beginning to discover the Cocaine Anonymous get-togethers Saturday evenings, 7 p.m., also at the Nabe, 953 DeHarro St.

Now in his 85th year, John Langley Howard still paints every day! He has a May showing of works in a New York gallery, and the Oakland Museum is planning a retrospective exhibit of the Howard family (eight are artists).

Ella Jenkins, a nationally recognized children's musician, will present an afternoon of songs, chants, rhythm and rhymes for young children in a free concert sponsored by the city's Recreation and Park Dept., Saturday, May 16, in Sigmund Stern Grove, 19th Ave. and Sloat Blvd. The concert begins at 11 a.m.

Facing eviction from its present location, the Eye Gallery announces two benefits to help relocation costs: First, a poetry reading at their gallery, 758 Valencia St., on Sunday, May 10, at 7 p.m. (admission is \$3); and a benefit photography auction and book sale at La Raza Graphics, 938 Valencia St., Sunday, May 17, from 1 to 5 p.m. Call 648-0930 for more info on the auction, and 431-6911 for the poetry reading event.

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There's a Mother's Day Action for a nuclear weapon test ban at the Nevada Test-Site, May 8 to 10 this year. For info on how to participate or support this action, call the S.F. Freeze, 621-0858.

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# GARDEN VIEW: Pansies Aren't Wimps Anymore

By Justin Dwinell

It used to be that the pansy was a beautiful flower only for Spring. The showy blooms had little perky faces in design on the blooms. But in Summer they would droop from the heat, and in the wind they would blow over. During the rains or while watering, their weak

## Treetrimming: New Scam

Potrero Hill residents with street trees in front of their houses are the targets of a new scam plaguing the neighborhood, reports a Carolina Street homeowner.

According to this resident, he was approached by a personable, smooth talking young man with a hand saw who offered to cut down his tree and remove the debris for \$30. Since the tree's roots were beginning to buckle his sidewalk and the young man seemed so genuine and eager for work, the homeowner gave him the o.k.

The young man did a good job, piling the debris neatly and dragging the trunk down a few doors where, he said, a neighbor wanted it for firewood. He asked for his fee, saying that his brother was around the corner cleaning up after another job and would come soon with the truck to pick up the branches and leaves. He got his \$30, went around the corner and disappeared.

## Mothers' Peace Visit Slated

First hand personal impressions of the war in Nicaragua are being presented locally by two Nicaraguan women in a number of appearances scheduled for May.

Hosted by Mothers' Tour for Peace, the two women, Santos Buitrago and Hortensia Olivas, members of the Nicaraguan organization Mothers of the Heroes and Martyrs, will speak about the effects of the Contra war on the populace.

On May 6 the women, both of whom have lost sons in the war, will be at the Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St. at 7:30 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m. on May 8 they'll appear at the Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St.

On Mother's Day, May 10, Buitrago and Olivas will participate in a march starting at Harrison Park (25th and Harrison) at 2 p.m.. That same evening at 7 p.m. they will attend the Mothers' Tour for Peace program at the Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St.

San Francisco State's Humanities Building will be the site May 12 of another appearance by the Nicaraguan women. (11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room 362.)

A final program is slated for May 17 sponsored by the Nicaragua Interfaith Action Committee (N.I.C.A.) from 9 a.m. to noon. The location is to be announced.

little stems couldn't hold the blooms off the ground. Once down, they couldn't get back up. They deserved the reputation of being wimps.

However, new hybrids have been developed with stronger stems that hold the little faces upright, even in the heat of summer, and are strong enough to bounce back from the heaviest watering. No longer are these little plants only good for the gentle Spring. No longer are they the wimps of the flower world, but now they are the champs of Summer and Fall.

The gardener who planted pansies in the Spring was forced to dig up the bed in Summer to replace the fallen flowers with other annual bedding plants. Now the beds and borders of the garden can be filled with pansy faces that continue to nod in the breeze but no longer bow down to heat, wind or water. These gleaming little faces continue to be available in an array of glowing colors; whites, blues, yellows and purples with whimsical faces smiling with new vigor, possibly because of their new-found stature.

Even with the stiffer backbone, don't expect the pansy to "belly up to the bar" singing a chorus of "Stout Hearted Men" with the likes of the rough and tumble members of the marigold family. Because although now made of sterner stuff, the pansy still retains some of the more sensitive qualities it always had. The velvety petals and clear luminous colors and those bright beaming little faces can't be topped. Pansies bring a joy to the gardener which seems to say "come smile with us; the more, the merrier." Enjoy them over a longer season. They're not wimps anymore.

Happy Gardening. If you have any questions or garden problems to share, contact me at Potrero Gardens, 1201 17th St., SF, 94107.

## WINNING TEAM



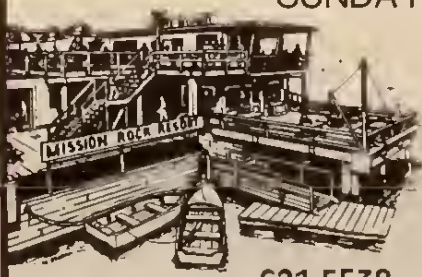
Rhode Island Street is home and studio for John Lewis and Douglas McKechnie, whose Soundtrack Productions provided the musical score for the Oscar-winning documentary "Women - For America, For the World." Filmmaker Vivienne Verdon-Roe, flanked in the picture above by McKechnie (l) and John Lewis (r), recently honored the soundtrack composers for their role in helping her to achieve the Academy Award's highest prize. McKechnie said they were proud to be a part of such an important film, "because the film's focus - the critical role women play in opposing the arms race - is one we believe in."

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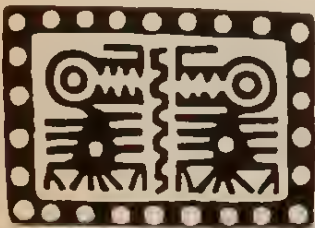


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## MY HELPFUL MOTHER

The following essay, "My Helpful Mother" by 8th Grader Chris Fields, was originally published in the Potrero Hill Middle School's bulletin as the Student Writer of the Week. A teacher's committee selects the weekly winners on the basis of "unique creativity and good writing."

When my mother put me in my very first school, she used to fix me the biggest lunch in the world. She put two sandwiches, a bottled soda, two packs of donuts, and a sucker. That was the first lunch she ever gave me with all that stuff in it. Well, I'm just getting older now. I can fix my own lunch.

I got a good report card when I was in the second grade. I showed it to my mother and the first thing she gave me was a kiss and a big hug that meant she cared for me so much. She drove her car and she took me out to eat. She surprised me because I didn't know where we were going. She said we were going to my Grandma's house and we didn't.

But I'm too old for that now. I wish I wasn't old so she could keep on babying me. The time my birthday came, she gave a surprise party. I came home late. When I turn on the light, they said "surprise" and I got really scared. They scared me to death. When everybody was dancing, I saw a tear come out of my mother's eye and I ask her what's wrong and she said she was happy I'm getting older, but she wished I could stay my age. When I was opening my presents, she gave me a big surprise again. It was a bike.

Well that's all over now. One Saturday she came to me and said we're moving to San Francisco. I was so happy to get out of the country because it is hot out there, with a lot of bugs. We moved in August. When we got here, I noticed something, there were hardly any bugs and it was not that hot. I told my mother how much I loved her.

In the time we got to our new house we had a little house party for my mother. We gave it to her for all the love she gave us, and care. That is why my mother is. She is my woman in history.



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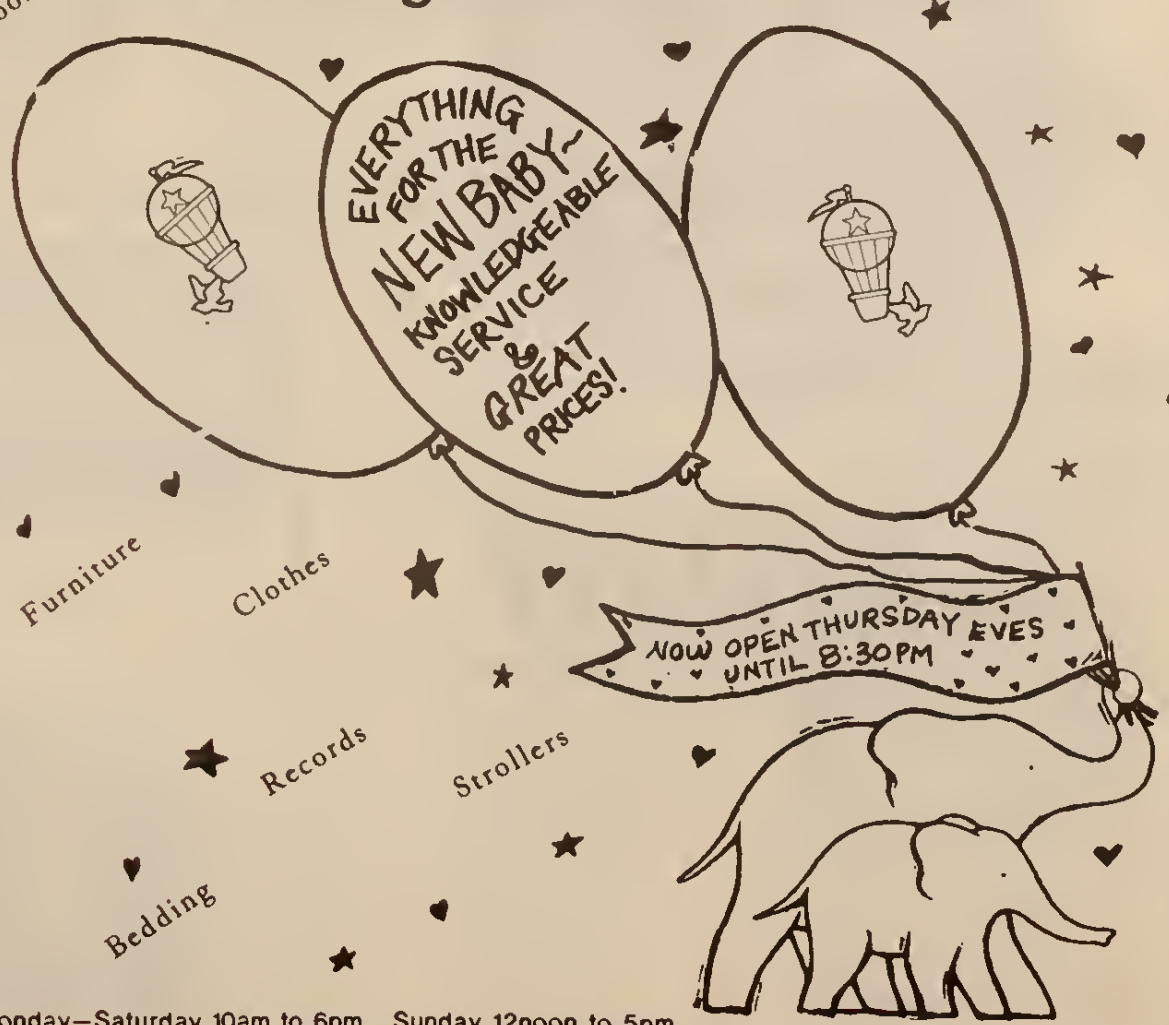
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- thru May 10: **"SIDESHOW"**--a 3-ring spectacle about Hidden Identities, at Theater Artaud, 450 Florida. 8:30 pm. 621-7797 for ticket info.
- thru May 17: **"DANNY & THE DEEP BLUE SEA"** at Eureka Theatre,, 2730 16th St. Wed thru Sun. 8pm. 558-9898, box office.
- thru May 19: **INSTALLATION WORK BY BAY AREA ARTISTS.** 992 Valencia. Gallery hours: Wed - Sat., 11-3pm and 5-7pm.
- thru May 23: **POTRERO HILL ARTISTS' SHOW** at Potrero Branch Library, 1616 - 20th St.
- thru May 24: **SEW PRODUCTIONS/LORRAINE HANSBERY THEATRE** presents "Moon On A Rainbow Shawl" thurs thru Sun, 8:30 pm. 953 Dellaro. 474-8800 for info.
- thru May 30: **THEATRE RHINOCEROS** presents "What's A Mother To Do?" by Michael Zimmerman. Wed thru Sun at 8pm, Sun mat., 3pm. 2926 16th St. 861-5079.
- thru May 31: **DYLAN: WORDS & MUSIC**, a multi-media theatre concert by Peter Landecker. Zephyr IV Theatre, 25 Van Ness. 8:30pm. 861-6895.
- thru July 26: **YIDDISH THEATER IN AMERICA**, a Smithsonian traveling exhibition, at The Jewish Community Museum, 121 Steuart St.
- May 1-28: **SOUTHERN EXPOSURE GALLERY** presents paintings by Robert Chiarito & Gregoy Wulf; works on paper by Ric Lum. Hours: Wed-Sun, 2-6pm. 401 Alabama St. 863-2141.
- May 1-July 31: **SEVEN COMPUTER ARTISTS** at Ili-Tech Exhibition Space, 444 DeHaro. Hours: Mon-Fri, 9-5pm.
- May 1-June 13: **PHOENIX THEATRE CO.** presents G.B. Shaw's "You Never Can Tell" Thurs, Fri, Sat., 8pm. 301 8th St. Box Office: 431-6777/664-5001.
- May 2: **VIETNAM NEVER AGAIN PRESENTS** "Flower of the Dragon" - an evening of performance & exhibit. 7-10pm. 420 29th Ave.
- May 4: **BAY AREA THEATRESPOITS** presents improvisational theatre as a sporting event, at New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St. 8pm. 824-4769 for res.
- May 5-June 27: **ARTSPACE** presents "Jenny Holzer: Signs." Works designed for public spaces. Tues-Fri, 11-5pm. Sat to 4pm. Opening reception May 5, 5:30-7:30pm. 1286 Folsom St.
- May 5-June 27: **MIXED MEDIA EXHIBIT** from paintings to memorabilia of Prida Kahlo at Galeria de la Raza, 2851 24th St. Tues-Sat, 1-6pm. Reception & book signing, May 8, 7:30-10pm; Conversation with local friends of Kahlo, at New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St, May 22, at 7pm.
- May 6 - 9: **"SYSTEMS OF JUDGMENT"** A dance, computer, music and sculpture piece by the Macfarland/Whistler DanceArtCompany, at New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St., 8:30 p.m. 863-9834 for reservations.
- May 6-June 6: **HISTORIC PHOTO EXHIBIT** depicting construction of G.G. Bridge. Joseph Dee Museum, 47 Kearny St. Mon-Fri, 9-5pm. Free.
- May 6: **WOMEN'S WRITERS WORKSHOP** for Older Lesbians (60+) & friends. 1853 Market, 6-8pm every Wed. 626-7000 for info.
- May 7/8: **SUMMER OF LOVE**, a multi-image slide show recreating the Haight-Ashbury experience, 1965-68. Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th St. 863-1087.
- May 8 & 22: **CULTURAL & ART PROGRAM BY VETERANS & friends** at Swords to Plowshares, 400 Valencia (at 15th). 552-8804 for more info.
- May 8-31: **PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT.** Eye Gallery, 758 Valencia. Thurs-Sun, 1-6pm. Reception 5/8, 7-10pm.
- May 8/9: **ZACCHO DANCE/THEATRE** presents Joanna Halgood at Footwork Studio, 3221 22nd St. 8:30pm. 647-6520/824-5044 for ticket info.
- May 8,9; 15, 16; 22, 23: **CHRISTOPHER BECK & CO. DANCE/THEATER** performs at Center-space Studio, 2840 Mariposa. Benefit May 6. 861-5059 for res.



The Bert Houle/Veera Wibaux Mime Theatre presents its premiere of an original full-length mime play, "Pilgrimage," at the newly renovated Victoria Theatre, 16th Street at Mission on May 7-9 and 15-16. For the first time in their 15 year partnership, the pair will be performing with an ensemble of seven artists brought together from theater, dance and pantomime. A highly visual performance piece, it describes a pilgrim's search for his identity. The masks (above), representing conflicting aspects of his personality, were designed by Houle, Wibaux and Bo Adolfsen. The taped music includes an original piece by composer Paul Drescher.

Bo Adolfsen photo

- May 9: **SATIRICAL/TOPICAL SONG CONCERT** performed by Mark Levy. 1268 Sanchez (at Clipper). 8pm. 661-3835.
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- May 13: **BENEPIT READING** for Ink Magazine. SF State, Old Sci 101, 7:30pm.
- May 13-30: **INTERSECTION** presents "Being Strikes Out: The Infinite Void Story" by performance artist Michael Peppe. Thurs-Sat. 766 Valencia. Box Office: 626-3311.
- May 13-16: **S.P. MOVING COMPANY** performs "My Thoughts Are Becoming Animals" and "Jesus Loves Those Little Cowgirls" at 3153 17th St. 8pm. 861-5797 for res.
- May 14 & 28: **LECTURE SERIES** by community muralists. 348 Precita Ave. 7:30pm. Free. 285-2287 for more info.
- May 15,16,22, 23,24: **BOYSIN BLACK PERFORMANCE GROUP** presents "The Hope Show." Studio Eremos, 401 Alabama St. 8:30pm. Preview 5/14. 621-8875.
- May 14: **MODERN TIMES BOOKSTORE** presents "American Lake: Nuclear Peril in the Pacific" by Walden Bello. 968 Valencia. 7:30pm. 282-9246.
- May 15: **CINE ACCION** presents "Machito: A Latin Jazz Legacy" at York Theater, 2789 24th St., 7:30 & 9:30 p.m. 695-0673 for info.
- May 21-June 14: **DELL'ARTE'S 10th ANNIVERSARY PRODUCTION** will be Euripides' "The Bacchae" directed by Jael Weisman. Thurs-Sun, 8:30p.m. Previews: May 14 - 17 & 20th. Theatre Artaud, 450 Florida. 621-7797.
- May 26-June 20: **NEW LANGTON ARTS** presents Robert Rasmussen's Installation. Hours: Tues - Sat., 11-5pm. Reception 5/26, 6-8pm.
- May 16: **GLAUCOMA SCREENING PROGRAM** for those 35 years plus. 1525 Silver Ave. 8:15am-10:15am. Call 468-3664 for apptment. \$5. fee.
- May 17: **LECTURE.** "From the Golden Gate to the Parallon Islands and Back." 3rd floor lecture room, Museum of Modern Art, 401 Van Ness. 2-4pm.
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- May 21: **SALVADORAN ART EXHIBIT.** Cafe Nidal, 2491 Mission. 7pm.
- May 21-June 27: **PHOTO EXHIBIT** by Bethe Allison, Susan Rankaitis, Hope Sandrow, The Starn Twins. 70 12th St. 621-1001.
- May 23,24,25: **PICKLE FAMILY CIRCUS** performs at Glen Park at noon & 3pm. Call 647-6567.
- May 27: **BAY AREA LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS** workshop-"Negotiating Contracts." From 7-8:30pm. Ft. Mason, Bldg. B, Rm 300. 775-7200.
- May 29 & 30: **DANCE CONCERT** choreographed by Anne Winton & Kristine Halver-son. Footwork Studio, 3221 22nd St. 8:30pm. 824-5044 for res.
- May 29-31: **CENTERSPACE** presents sixth annual Men Dancing. 2840 Mariposa. 8pm. Late show Sat., 10pm. Sun mat. 4pm. 861-5059.
- May 29,30,31: **NOE VALLEY ART AFFAIR** at NoeBody's Inn, 4054 24th St. Free.
- May 29: **FURIOUS PEET II: THE DANCE BRIGADE FESTIVAL FOR SOCIAL CHANGE** will perform at Mission High School Auditorium (18th & Dolores) 8pm. 648-3719 for info.
- May 31: **CALIPORNIA CERAMIC ARTISTS** present Spring Exhibition and Sale at Golden Gate Exhibition Hall, G.G. Park. 10am-5pm. 849-4824, info.



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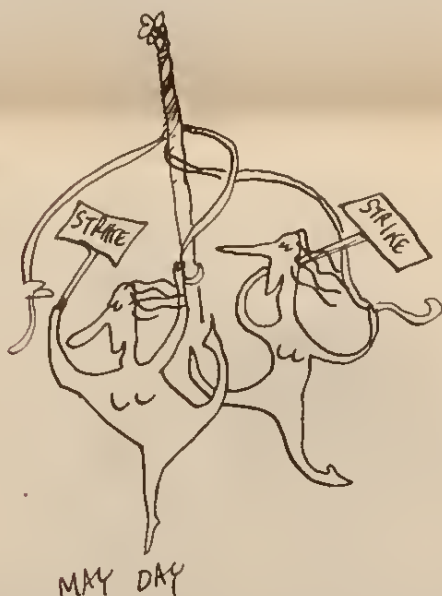
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**LOCAL ARTIFACTS WANTED** for display in "Reflections of Potrero Hill" exhibit series. Old photographs, vintage clothing, toys, tools, & other household goods from our neighborhood's history. For public display May 30 - June 30. Please call Nicole Emanuel, 285-7289, or Veronica Masterson, 826-5119.

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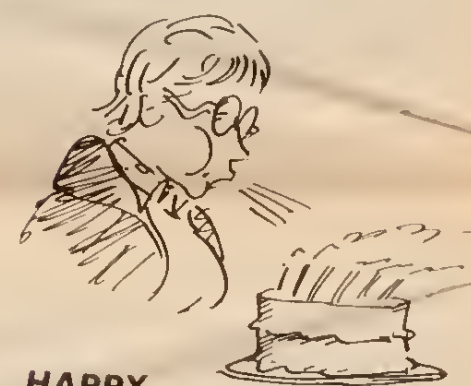
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